STATEMENT

S. No.	Project Name	Total Installed Capacity (MW)	Location (District)	Executing Agency
Central Sector				
1.	Dulhasti	390	Doda	NHPC#
2.	Uri	480	Baramullah	NHPC
State Sector				
3.	Upper Sindh-II	70	Srinagar	JKPDC*
4.	Upper Sindh-II Entn.	35	Srinagar	JKPDC
5.	Krishanganga	330	Baramullah	JKPDC
6	Dumkhar	4.5		JKPDC
7.	Sewa Stage-III	9	Kathua	JKPDC
8.	Chenani Stage-III	7.5	Uddhampur	JKPDC
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National Hydro-electric Power Corporation

* Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation.

Scheme for F.P.I.

1786. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for setting up expansion and promotion of food processing industries being implemented in Karnataka under Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the progress made in regard as on September 30, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). Under the developmental Plan Schemes being operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the Eighth Plan, financial assistance is provided for overall development including expansion and promotion of food processing industries in the country. A total assistance of Rs. 336.09 lakhs has been provided in respect of proposals covering fruits and vegetable processing and meat and poultry processing schemes received from the State of Karnataka during the Eighth Plan period. The projects are in the various stages of implementation.

Badarpur Thermal Power Station

1787. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Badarpur Thermal Power Station faces the prospect of closing down operation with its coal reserves directing down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Coal India and the Railways have refused to supply coal till their dues are cleared by the plant;

(d) if so, the details of outstanding dues of Coal India and Railways as on October 31, 1996; and

(e) the steps taken to clear their dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) has not been receiving the required coal supply commensurate with the power generation capacity.

(c) and (e). Coal India has adopted cash carry scheme for supply of Coal. Railways have also introduced on pre-payment scheme for coal transportation from 1.10.1996. However, due to BTPS's poor financial position due to short payment by DESU, the Railways are transporting coal to BTPS on "to pay basis". As per decision of the Government, Government of Delhi/DESU is to pay in full to BTPS all the current dues for purchase of power w.e.f. 1.1.1997 so as to enable BTPS to make payment for coal supplies and advance payment of freight to the Railways for transportation of coal.

(d) The outstanding amounts payable by BTPS to Coal Companies and Railways as on 31.10.1996, are Rs. 126.90 crores and Rs. 721.81 crores, respectively.

Exploration of Sea Minerals

1788. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any comprehensive exploratory work in the ocean bed in order to identify and exploit precious minerals;

(b) if so, the details and the results thereof;

(c) whether the Government is seeking co-operation from other countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. India has been allocated a mine site of 150,000 sq.km. in the Central Indian Ocean Basin. Survey and exploratory work are being carried out in this area in accordance with the stipulations contained in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Department has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue the joint collaborative programme in the development of